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## ALLIES WON'T PERMIT ACTION COMMITTEES IN BERLIN

### Straight Comment By General Lucius Clay

#### Machines Led To Suicide

Croydon, Aug. 26.—Mr Clifford T. Ashburner, 40, was an accountant who couldn't stand the way his new accounting machines were breaking down, but he managed to relax a little on his vacation, his wife said yesterday.

But in the morning when he was to return to work, Mrs Ashburner found him hanging from the attic rafter.

"He said that the accounts were piling up, everything was in a muddle, machines were always breaking down and there was always a panic in the office," she told the Coroner.

Mr Ashburner had worked for 23 years at the Royal Mutual Insurance Society and had seemed content until the machines which always broke down were installed last year.

The Coroner said that he would investigate the conditions in the office.—United Press.

#### Court Sequel To Shameen Riots

Canton, Aug. 27.—Preliminary hearings against the 29 suspects arrested after the Shameen riots of last January are now being held in camera by a special court set up here for this case.

Official information of the proceedings have, hitherto, been scanty, but reliable sources state that only one of the accused has admitted to participating in the stoning of the British Consulate-General. The remaining accused, it is stated, have entered pleas of not guilty.

Witnesses heard during these preliminary hearings are reported to have included the handful of military police guarding the British Consulate-General.—Reuter.

#### EDITORIAL

### Grave Days In Burma

It cannot be denied that the state of Burma is very grave. Alternate periods of peace and chaos run through her history. The new Burma, independent since January of this year seems to be falling to pieces, with the Communists as the best organised and most forceful element in the country. It is useless now to discuss whether this step should ever have been taken in Burma and independence granted. What may be emphasised is that the British Government gave her the greatest aid to self-government that has been given to any Commonwealth country. And when after the war, the Burmese rejected the offer of Dominion status, they were fully helped and £80,000,000 of the £87,000,000 credits granted them since the war were cancelled. By nature, the Burmese are gay, cheerful, friendly and most hospitable. Politically they are inexperienced and sadly lacking in the right men. The first sign of internal trouble was the murder of the Premier Aung San and seven other Ministers 13 months ago. Aung San had prestige and influence. Had he lived he might have held the country together. His successor Thakin Nu is courageous, a genuine democrat and unblemished honesty; but whether he has the strength to weather the storm has yet to be seen. His troubles began last November in a violent breach with the Communists. They insisted that all foreign businesses and land owned by foreigners, which are to be nationalised under the new constitution, should be immediately seized without compensation. British businesses in

Frankfurt, Aug. 26.—General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor, commenting on the rumours that Communist Action Committees were taking over the Berlin City Administration, replied: "Certainly no Action Committees are going to take over the Government of the two and a half million people in the Western sectors for whom we are responsible."

Communist-led demonstrators, armed with axes, stormed Berlin's City Hall today to protest against the "pro Western" City rule while in Moscow the three Western envoys prepared for a new Kremlin meeting which might end Germany's "cold war."

Another Kremlin meeting is likely tomorrow or Saturday, Reuter's Moscow correspondent stated, but whether it will be only with the Soviet Foreign Minister or also with the Soviet Premier is still unknown.

Asked about his impression of the Moscow negotiations, General Clay said: "From the length of time the discussions are going on it looks as if everybody is trying to reach an agreement." He added that he had no information and that as far as he knew all reports of an agreement on the Berlin currency were speculative.

He said: "I have not received so far any official report about an agreement in Moscow or any indication calling for new negotiations in Berlin."

#### GENERAL AGREEMENT

Well informed London quarters stated that Marshal Stalin and the envoys have reached a general agreement during their conference on Monday night, about a currency reform in Berlin, but another Kremlin meeting was needed to work out details.

If this meeting was successful, the Big Four were expected to instruct their Military Governors in Germany to start on-the-spot negotiations.

In Berlin, a crowd of 10,000 cheered wildly and sang the Internationale when 200 demonstrators smashed down the main door of the City Hall—in the Soviet sector—after the threat of disorders had caused the City Assembly to call off its meeting.

#### Bernadotte's Demand

#### Rescue From Floods

## 200 MORE BRITISH POLICE FOR MALAYA

### Guerillas On Move



### Workers Demand State Control Of Beer And Tobacco

London, Aug. 26.—Tired of watery ale and queuing for cigarettes they cannot get, British workers demanded tonight the state control of beer and tobacco.

A demand for the Trades Union Council to look into the transfer of brewing and tobacco industries to state ownership, was proposed for discussion when the council meets in the annual session the week after next at Margate.

The resolution came from the National Union of Public Employees which is in favour of extending socialisation to many private enterprises which have not hitherto figured in the British Labour Government's plans.

The motion proposed that the TUC undertake a systematic examination into all the important industries and services still under private control with a view to ascertaining whether the transfer to public ownership, the productive capacity would be improved and labour used more effectively.

#### Israeli Troops Must Be Withdrawn

Stockholm, Aug. 26.—Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Palestine mediator, today instructed his Chief of Staff, General Ange Lundstrom, to demand the Jewish provisional Government to order Israeli troops to evacuate the positions they now hold in the Red Cross area of Jerusalem. Failing that he will ask the Security Council to take action.

A report from the Truce Supervision headquarters in Haifa said that the Jewish military commander in charge of troops holding positions formerly included in the Red Cross area, had refused to withdraw when asked by United Nations observers.

Count Bernadotte instructed General Lundstrom to contact the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Sherot, and inform him that this refusal constitutes a serious violation of the truce. The mediator pointed out in the message that he will not make the report to the Security Council until the Jewish authorities have had a chance to examine his demand that they order their troops to evacuate these positions.

#### NO BANNERS

The crowds mostly made their way to the meeting place singly or in small groups and there was no sign of any banners or organised marching columns, which had been a prominent feature of the Communist demonstration.

The anti-Communists shouted "Freheit" (freedom) after hearing their leaders declare that they would not allow the Communists to control the city.

Herr Franz Neumann, the Social Democratic leader, pointing to the Red flag on top of the Brandenburg Gate, shouted: "You see the flag is flying at half-mast. The Soviet flag will always fly at half-mast in Berlin."

He told the crowds, estimated at 15,000: "We have countered today's planned Communist push by postponing the scheduled meeting of the City Assembly."

Herr Ernst Scharnowski, Chairman of the independent trade union organisation, said: "Berlin's democracy will not allow itself to be thrown out of the window by Red Nazis. We are ready to call a general strike if that is necessary to stop the Communists."

#### WANTS NEUTRAL ZONE

To protect the demonstrators, 150 police stood by, but were not needed. Several hundred police were reported at action stations in the American sector.

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#### TRUCE VIOLATION

Count Bernadotte's personal representative in Jerusalem, Brigadier General William Riley, United States Marine Corps, reported that the Jews hold the Government Arab College and the Agricultural School area which had been under the Red Cross flag.

The mediator's instructions to General Lundstrom, ask him to tell Mr. Sherot, that investigations definitely proved the Jews violated the truce when they started occupation of the area held by the International Red Cross and unless they remove the troops, the attitude will constitute a serious incident.

This is the first time since the United Nations observers started supervising the truce that they have been able to determine which party is guilty of truce violation.

A full investigation by a large staff of UN observers conclusively showed the Jews started occupying the positions in the Red Cross held area leading to clashes there, according to reports reaching Count Bernadotte.—United Press.

Recent heavy flooding in Scotland caused widespread damage. Railway bridges have been swept away, cattle drowned, and many people rendered homeless. Picture shows seventy-two-year-old Mrs William Dougal being carried to safety from her flood-bound home at Grantshouse, Berwickshire.

To reach her, firemen had to stretch a rope across the roadway from her cottage to steady themselves, against the water. Mrs Dougal's husband, aged 76, was rescued in the same way.

### North Burma Insurrection

#### Rebels Attack Mines

Rangoon, August 26.—Sima Duwa Siuwa Nawng, President of the Burma Frontier Areas, today confirmed that an insurrection has broken out in the Karen Hill tracts 70 miles northeast of Toungoo.

In a letter to Soe Shwe Thaik, Burma Union President, he said: "The Karen people are trying to wrest power from the Burma Union government by armed force."

Previous reports said the rebels on Wednesday attacked the Mawchi mines in the Karen Hill tracts and took the mines' area assistant resident captive.

Three Burmese newspapers today reported martial law had been declared in Karenland. The War Office here did not deny the reports but said confirmation was awaited from Karenland States.—Associated Press.

#### BULGARIAN ASSEMBLY TO MEET

Moscow, Aug. 26.—Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported from Sofia today that an extraordinary meeting of the Bulgarian Grand National Assembly has been convened for next Monday.

—Reuter.

### Heat Wave Hits The U.S.

New York, Aug. 26.—The temperature soared to 101 degrees in New York City today. It was the hottest August 26 on record, New York's hottest day of the year and almost the hottest day in the City's history.

The all time temperature record here is 102.3 degrees reached in July 1940.

Eight million residents of the nation's biggest city sweltered. Perhaps the hottest place in the city was the subway system, where many change makers worked in undershirts.

The mercury climbed to 101.2 at Philadelphia, 101 at New York, and 98.2 at Boston.

At Detroit and other big industrial centres, thousands of workers walked out or went home because of the heat, and factories were closed.

But, while most of the nation sweltered, snow fell on Rocky Mountains and covered the Continental Divide.—United Press.

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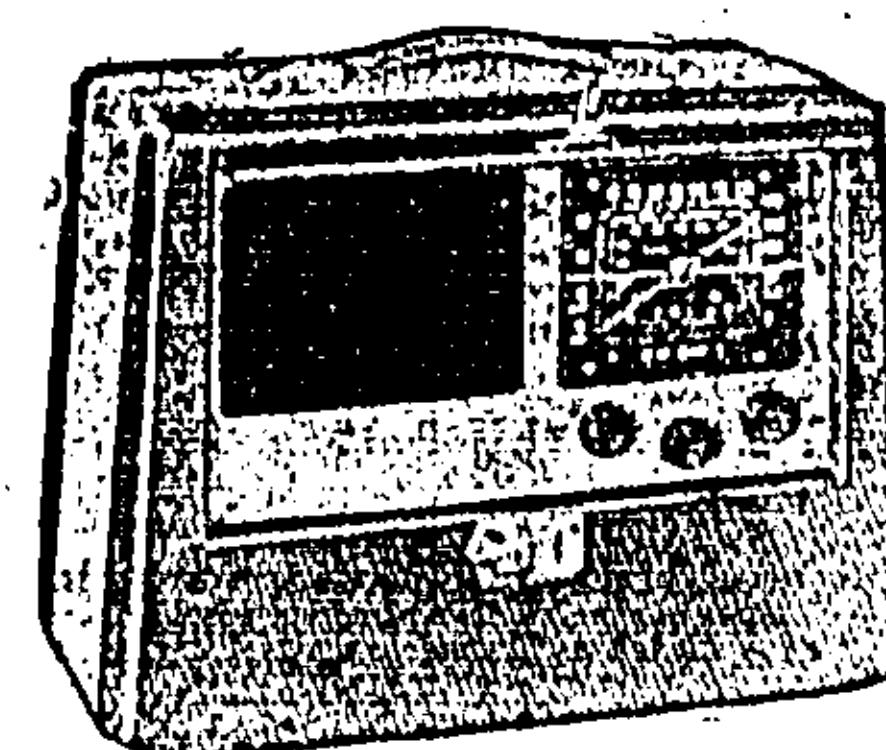
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## RED-HEADED GABY MODELS FOR DIOR

By PATRICIA LENNARD

PATRICE.—After a hectic night of shows and heat, Gabrielle (Gaby) Young, latest British model to join the house of Christian Dior, finds herself feted by American spectators.

She will stay at Dior's for six months and then join the top-flight John Powers' Circuit, American model agency, for two to three months.

Pushing back her vivid red hair parted in the middle to the nape like all Dior's models this season with curly over the ears—she said: "It was so hot last night, they had to wipe us down with towels each show."

Gaby, blue-eyed, 30 years old last week, returned from a four month tour of South Africa with collection of British clothes early this year, then got pneumonia.

In Paris on the way to Cannes to convalesce on July 15, she "popped in" to Dior, because I've always wanted to model his clothes and I couldn't come the year before."

### 18 changes

She was allowed to chase the sun for two weeks and returned on July 15 for two weeks of night and day fittings for the 18 changes of clothes she wears in a parade of 130 models.



By GRACE THORNCILFEE

HERE is a trio of shoes out for a summer stroll along fashion lane. First is a powder blue cotton webbing double ankle strap sandal with cut-out heel and a double-bond vamp. The second shoe is a twist around ankle strap in dark brown and white kidskin. Dark brown is the colour of the strap, the heel and the narrow platform. The vamp is nicely draped into the darker leather. The shell opera pump in printed crepe is the sort of shoe that provides an elegant contrast with a solid hued frock.

## AROUND THE TOWN

with Mercia Hillaly

Length New Look" in white shark-skin with epaulette shoulders and a black fez twined over one eye with white drapery.

Mr. Neil Buchanan, managing director of Neil Buchanan Ltd., arrived yesterday from Singapore with his assistant, Mrs. Marie Connerton. They have been touring Malaya to introduce some of the exclusive English fabrics that have already been displayed here. Mr. Buchanan represents several British fashion houses.

At the conclusion of the parade, dry sherry and hot coffee and biscuits were served to officers and guests in the Officers' Mess. Among the few women present I noticed Mrs. Tansley, wife of the Unit's Adjutant, wearing a definitely "New

## Your First Impression Counts . . .

FIRST impressions count for everyone, but especially important for Career Girls. By that I mean that the care you give your "surface" is just as reliable a gauge of your Personality as the care that you give your mind, your job or your family.

Slowly grooming and a summing social technique show lack of practicality and up-to-dateness. A girl with these defects may have a "heart of gold" but the people who meet her for the first time are more conscious of the shine on her nose and the flabby way that she shakes hands.

The girl who seriously wants to improve her ability to give favourable first impressions is not just applying a pretty veneer to her personality. She is polishing it so that its real beauty may appear.

Perhaps she begins on the outside but she finds that only when she has penetrated beneath the surface can she get the results which she desires. She may assume a better posture, just so that her clothes will set better but she will find that the correct posture will give her new poise, too. It will make her feel more buoyant and more beautiful.

Morale. Even good grooming is not entirely superficial in its effect. It raises a woman's morale to know that her face is properly made up and that her hair and clothes are correct.

Smiling Eyes. The girl whom we instantly like gives a smile with her handshake or her simple, "How do you do?" Her lips may not do so much but her eyes smile right into yours. A smile is attractive in itself, can light up an otherwise plain face. When it is directed right at us we like it better because it seems a personal tribute.

## RED RYDER



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## Keep Count of Calories



Courtesy Du Barry Bazaar School

If you have a tendency to put on weight, avoid starches and fats; eat lots of fruit.

By HELEN FOLLETT

YOU see pictures of pretty movie girls at gay parties, apparently feasting on the good things of life. You don't fancy for a moment that they eat whatever happens to appeal to them. They watch their diet every day. Keeping to normal weight means everything to them; health, good looks, good jobs. And they exercise like mad when they find that the svelte frame has taken on a few extra pounds.

If you would do a little slendering, don't regard the campaign as a terrible trial. Just take it, day by day and don't think too much about it. Satisfy hunger, then don't take a single nibble more!

Your worst diet enemies are fats, starches and sweets. Fats lend the others. Just cutting down on cream, butter and pastries may make all the difference in the world. Take toasted rye bread instead of buttered white bread. You'll like

it. Tea and coffee should be taken clear; if you haven't had them that way your taste buds will soon do a turn-about and won't protest. Eating is largely a matter of habit anyway.

You can have lean meats, poultry, eggs, sea food, vegetables, fruits, fruit juices, buttermilk, unsweetened fruitade.

Avoid cereals, sweet desserts, macaroni. Potatoes are not especially fattening; it is the butter or gravy you put on them that gets in the mean lists.

Take a brisk walk every day. You should do that, anyway, for the sake of your health, your complexion, your figure.

Don't sleep more than seven hours at night, never indulge in cat naps during the day. You must be active so as to burn up the calories you consume. If they aren't burnt up they stow themselves away in the form of adipose tissue.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Shadows Visit Plymouth Town

—They Meet Some Pilgrims Going to Church—

By MAX TRELL

THERE was a picture on the wall in the playroom, and under it were the words "Plymouth Town." The picture belonged to the children; but since it was in the playroom, all the toys felt they owned it, too. It was quite a pretty picture.

You could see a row of houses with high thatched roofs with little gardens on each side of them. Toward the brick, there was a brook with a hill rising behind it. And in front, was the sea, sparkling in the sunshine. Yet, it must have been winter time for there was snow on the ground and icicles on the bare trees. Marching down the street, were some men and women, boys and girls, all dressed very strangely—or at any rate, not dressed like people today.

A Summer Social brought about 50 members of the European Y.M.C.A.'s Women Section together on Wednesday to spend a most enjoyable evening chatting and having tea. The ladies voted for more frequent gatherings of this kind, which have been taking place only twice yearly.

"How would you like to join a Charn School?" and "Would you like talks on women's topics, and interests?" were some of the questions asked members in a questionnaire circulated for the purpose of finding out what the ladies were interested in and whether they had any ideas or suggestions for improvement of club meetings.

Mrs. A. Bolton, Secretary, was presented with a silver cigarette case as a farewell gift, as she will be leaving for a six-month vacation in England.

Fisherfolk and the landscape on a little island near Hongkong provide endless inspiration for a little known but talented artist who hails from Haon.

We shall hear more about Joseph Valence when he gives an exhibition of his work. He hopes to do this in about two or three months' time when he has completed about a hundred paintings.

The influence of the painter Gauguin is noticeable in his work with its bold, elemental colours and softened outlines. He excels in portrait studies, but is now tackling an ambitious imaginative creation on a very large canvas.



Teddy suggested they find out about the Pilgrims from a book.

## NO BIRD IN HAND

Grandma took her three-year-old granddaughter Linda for an motor ride. It was Grandma's custom to buy Linda some inexpensive toy before they returned home. On the trip they passed one of those small travelling carnivals. Thinking she could find something suitable on the roadside, Grandma stopped. Grandma hunted and hunted but no sign of a rubber ball, toy car or anything.

Finally in desperation she spied a paper hat, bought it and clamped it on Little Linda's head. They climbed back in the car and headed homewards.

For a long time Linda was very quiet. Finally Grandma broke the silence. "Well, how do you like your pretty new hat?" She heard no answer so she turned and looked at her granddaughter. Linda wore the most woebegone expression imaginable. Suddenly her little hands shot out, palms upward as she said, "But I haven't anything in these!"

—Hester L. Allerton

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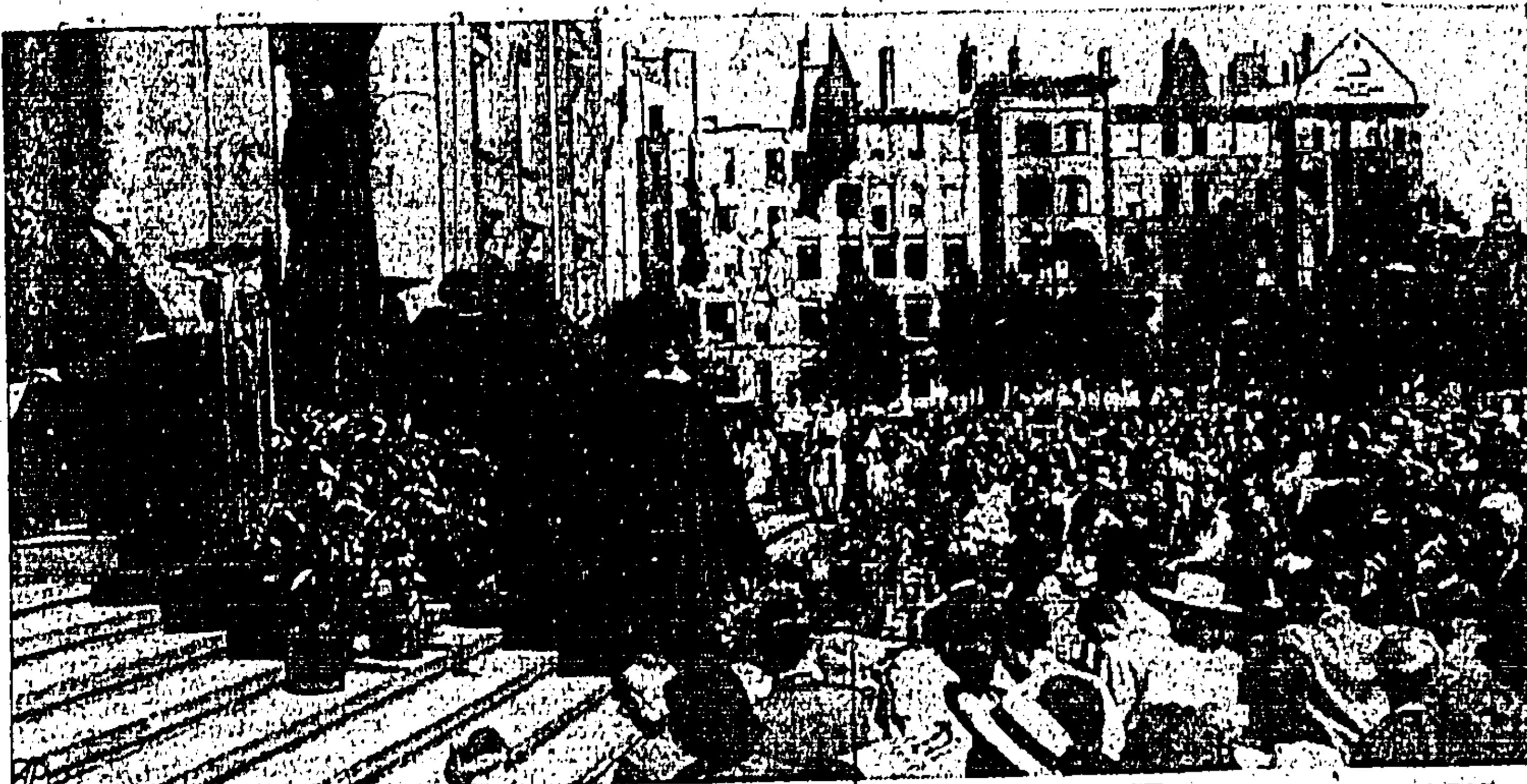
## Rupert & Ting-Ling—23



The Mandarin Li-poo welcomes Rupert gravely. "Visitors from Nutwood are rare in China," he says. "If you are a friend of Ping-Ping, so you shall be free to go where you will. My grandson will show you what you will." "I mustn't stay long," says Rupert. "but I should like to see your quick way of fishing that Ting-Ling spoke about." "So will," says the mandarin. Fetching a strong basket with a lid, the boy waves good-bye and the pair set off down the hill.

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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**ISRAEL PIN-UPS**—Looking over pin-ups on a Jewish armoured car door in the new state of Israel are (left to right): Abram Cohen of Tel-Aviv, Alfred Allenbogen of Rumania, Murray Schesko of New York and Joe Blank of Toronto, Canada.

**BERLIN MEMORIAL**—Herr Wendland, burgomaster of the Schoeneberg section of Berlin, speaks from the steps of the city hall to Germans attending a memorial service to five U.S. airmen who were killed while flying supplies to the Soviet-blockaded Allied sectors of the German capital.



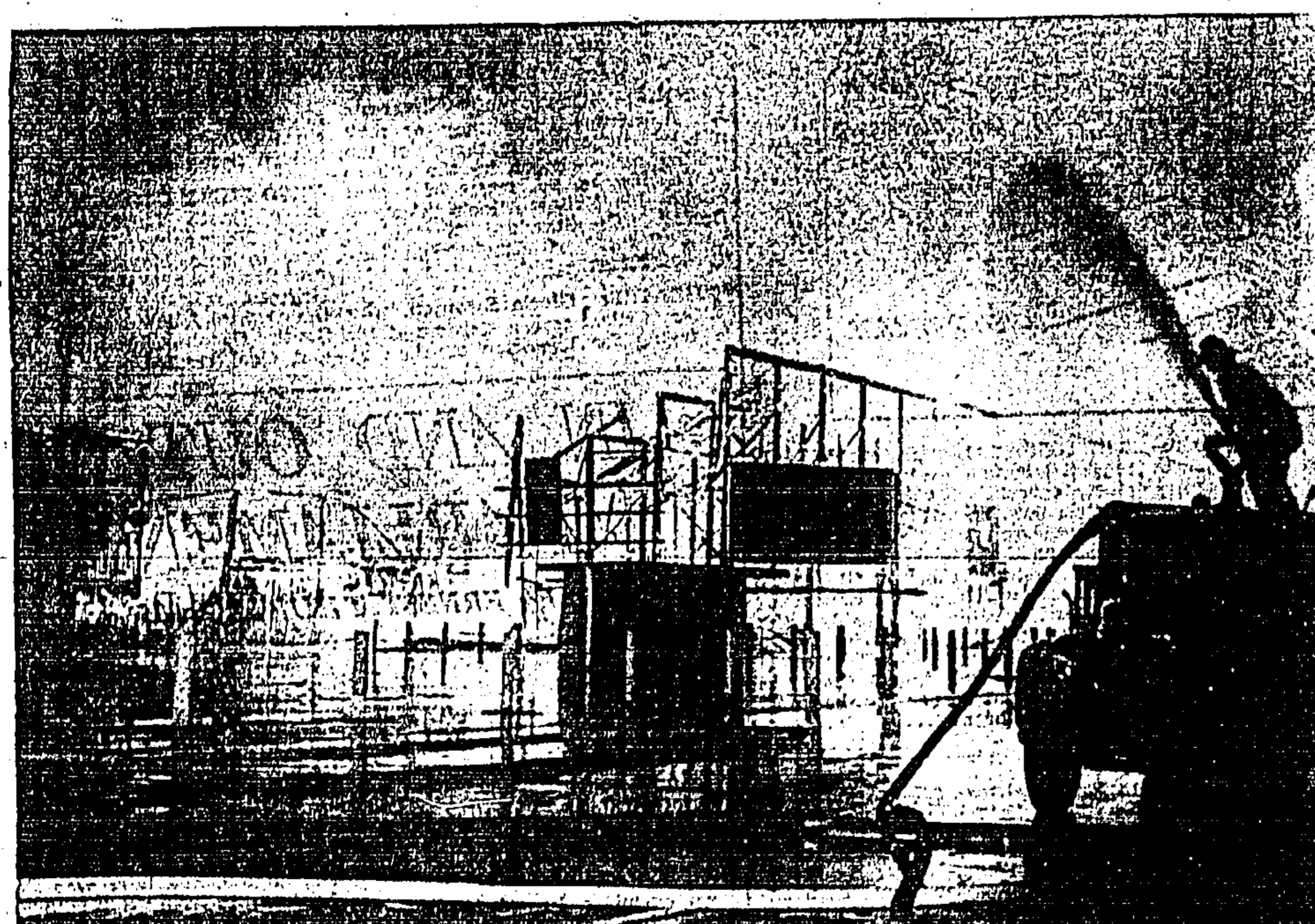
**WAR VICTIMS SEE POPE**—Pope Pius XII gives a medal to Vittorio Mori, war-mutilated boy, at the Vatican City where he received 100 children of the "House of the Little War Victims" of Milan. All lost eyes, legs or arms in the war.



**HONAN PATRIARCH**—While a Chinese photographer goes through the usual antics of a candid cameraman, this 89-year-old elder of Honan poses serenely. Troops in the background recaptured Honan from the Reds.



**TWO KNIT AND PURL**—Chuckling over a little yarn and a bit of knitting are Marjorie Franklin (left) and Phyllis Young. The movie starlets are occupying their time between scenes on a Hollywood studio set.



**A HOT TIME AT THE OLD BALL PARK**—Edmonds Field, home park of the Sacramento Salons, goes up in flames along with two nearby houses and two cars, despite firefighters' efforts. Insured for only U.S.\$250,000, the completely destroyed park will cost over U.S.\$1,000,000 to rebuild.



**BIG SISTER ACT**—One-year-old Jimmy Cummings still looks scared after his rescue by "big sister" Patsy, aged four. The youngsters were sleeping in their trailer-home in Antioch, Illinois, when it caught fire. Patsy carried Jimmy to safety.

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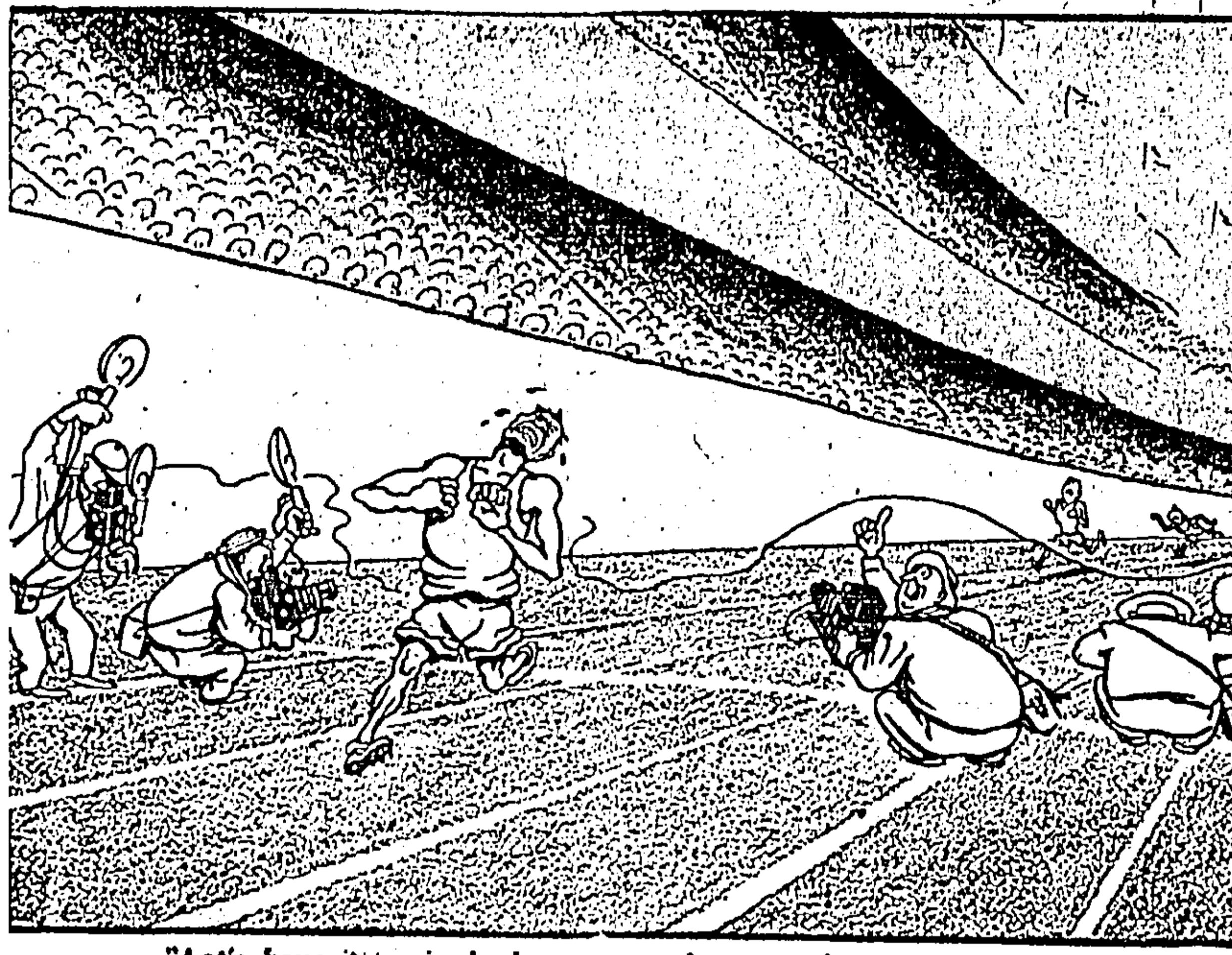
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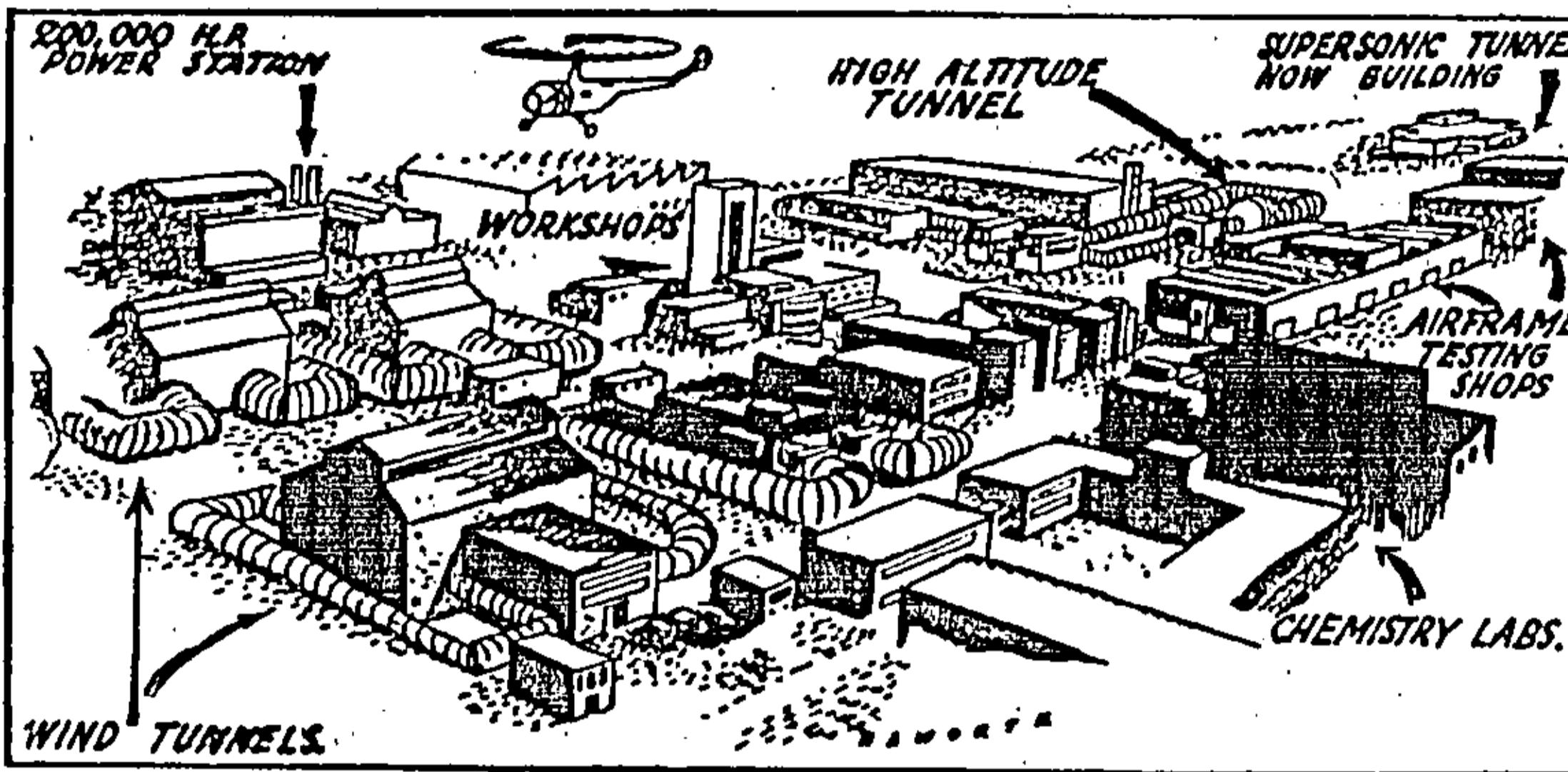
## GILES AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES



## The Super-Speed Plan is running pretty slow

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

TWO YEARS AGO the Government announced a great scientific project designed to keep Britain ahead in the world race to develop super-speed aircraft. At a cost of £20,000,000 the best-equipped air research station in the world was to be built as quickly as possible near Bedford. This article gives the first on-the-spot progress report, a story of two wasted years . . .



THURLEIGH, near Bedford, Aug. 11. TWENTY-FIVE miles of new concrete roadways wind through the 3,000 acres of fertile country which in Ministerial blueprints are labelled "National Aeronautical Establishment."

At one terminus 50 men are laying a massive foundation for a captured German wind tunnel. In hangars near by a few technicians are servicing great dumps of other Luftwaffe equipment which came as reparations.

That is all.

There are no signs of the laboratories scheduled to be in use this year. The 200,000 h.p. generating station needed to drive the wind tunnels—it could light a city the size of Manchester—is still just an idea.

On the five-mile strip which was to be the world's largest runway, where test pilots could take off and land several times without stopping, farmers are planning their crop rotations for the next five years. The first 1,000 yards of it were to be ready now.

### Sabotage

THE German equipment, which was to form the nucleus of the research facilities, has proved tragically disappointing. Nearly every important item was effectively sabotaged before it left the Luftwaffe laboratories at Volkenrode and Göttingen.

The men who dismantled it did not know this. But the technicians on the site here have discovered

that some vital part difficult to replace is missing from each piece of equipment.

Only someone skilled in the use of such gear would have known which part to remove the technicians told me. The sabotage must have been carried out by German scientists.

From my inquiries here I am doubtful whether the project will go through on anything like the scale originally planned.

Officials hint that the main wind tunnels and laboratories may be set up in Australia instead. They give two reasons for this.—

1 The 30 main buildings of the station were to be clustered in an area which could be obliterated by one plane-load of H.E. bombs.

2 It would be impossible to test new aeroplanes in strict secrecy at Bedford. Service chiefs have abandoned a plan to put a defence area round the station because it would use up too much valuable farmland.

The 1,500-mile rocket range being built in the Australian desert offers a ready-made solution to both these problems.

Sir Ben Lockspeiser, the Government's chief air scientist, has stated that the greater part of Britain's research into the problems of flying at speeds faster than sound—about 700 miles an hour—will eventually be done in Australia.

WHATEVER happens, no important results can spring from the Bedford project for many years. Meanwhile America has gone ahead in the race to fly at these supersonic speeds.

A year ago Sir Ben Lockspeiser ruled that because it might be dangerous for a pilot to fly through the sound barrier—the name given

to speeds between 650 and 800 miles an hour—British scientists would first experiment with robots.

Many rocket-powered robots costing £20,000 each have been expended in unsuccessful tests so far. Now the project has been shelved until a new fuel, which will not freeze at high altitudes, has been prepared.

U.S. pilots who were allowed to take the risk have flown through the sound barrier many times. The information they have obtained is being put to immediate use by American aircraft designers.

BRITAIN is still ahead in jet-engine research. New work by Government scientists is dovetailing perfectly with ideas worked out by private firms.

But engine design is not the bottleneck problem of supersonic flight. The main difficulties are in the fields of fuselage and wing design.

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### Where we lag

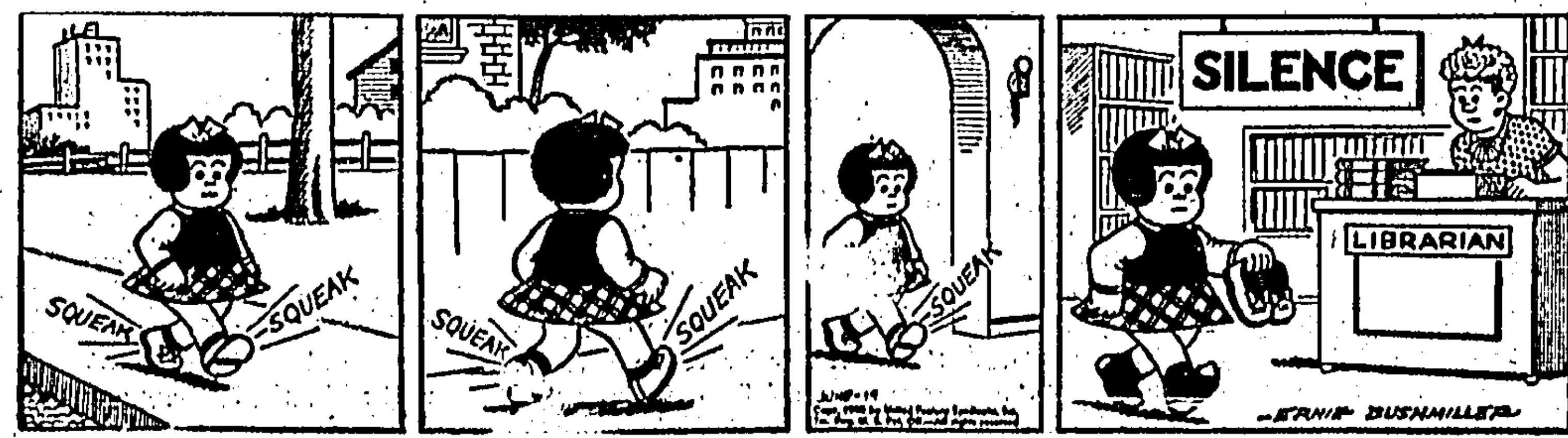
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NANCY Sh-h-h



By Ernie Bushmiller



## American Column

By Newell Rogers

## A Sinking Feeling On Shore

NEW YORK.

THERE is bitterness on the waterfront. Ships are idle in their anchorages. Jobs for seamen vanish.

New York's Customs House counted 329 vessels in the port a year ago, 233 of them American. Today there were 238 only—184 American. The wartime U.S. merchant navy of 250,000 men is down to under 100,000.

The men's bitterness increases on reading that Britain is short of seamen, and that the Government has asked every man to keep the Red Duster flying during Britain's trade crisis.

They blame the Marshall aid planners for part of their woes. Freighters are not filling fast enough with Marshall cargo. Washington promises more freight soon.

But when Marshall aid dried up, Washington warns, we will just not be able to compete with the cargo rates of Britain and the Continentals.

TRUMAN has his bullet-proof rail-factory carriage in a naval gun factory tonight.

After it has been remodelled he will set out in it for the battle of his life.

From its rear platform he will make the speeches which he hopes will win enough votes to keep him in the White House for four more years.

He is going to get right down to the common man. The gun factory is lowering the platform so that crowds will be sure to see him and the famous Truman gel.

**FRIENDSHIP.** Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt says: "From someone who lives in London I hear that visiting Grosvenor-square (the site of the late President Roosevelt's statue) is one of the pleasantest things to do there. Not only because it is so carefully tended, but also because the people come reverently, and often leave little floral offerings. Gratitude for friendship warms the heart, and one senses gratitude in the crowds of Grosvenor-square."

**BOOKS:** What really interests Americans today may or may not be indicated by three of the leading titles chosen by the editors for a new 15. 9d. series of pocket books—Ida Bailey Allen's "Cookery Book," "The Standard Bartenders' Guide," and Basil King's "The Quest of Fear."

**THEATRE:** Gloria Swanson, who won silent screen stardom at 10, is trying for television stardom at 50. Fifteen minutes for tea morning and afternoon are among the slower English ways whichirk American stars now picture-making in London, reports correspondent Frederick Kuh.

**PRICES ARE UP.** There are pram parades in many cities. Grumbling mothers picket their butchers, urging other housewives not to buy meat until prices fall. Grumbling butchers suggest housewives run their shops for a while "to give them a true picture of the so-called profits behind the meat counter."

**PRICES ARE DOWN.** And Government narcotic agents are alarmed. Heroin, £500 an ounce last year, is now £125. A six-ounce tin of smoking opium a year ago £250, is about half as much. The agents partly blame Palestine's war. Some "groups" (identity undisclosed) financed arms purchases with dope sales. Mostly America's supplies come from Mexico, where dope rings operate with planes using 30 hidden flying strips.

**TWO FIERY CROSSES** flamed over

a South Carolina church in which Negroes were being instructed how to vote. Nonetheless, for the first time since 1876 some 30,000 Negroes are going to the polls with their white fellow-citizens to choose South Carolina's (white) Senators and Congressmen.

## IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By ERNEST THURLE, M.P.

**A** N Imperial development greatly to be welcomed—the linking up of ancient Newfoundland with Canada—will have the incidental effect of putting the Governor, Sir Gordon Macdonald, out of a job.

Sir Gordon was with us on the Labour benches in Parliament for a good many years.

An ex-miner, he sat for Ince, in Lancashire, until he took the job of Regional Controller under the Ministry of Fuel and Power, prior to his appointment to the governorship.

With a background like this he is hardly likely to be intimidated by Mr Vishinsky at his most scarsome.

**DARE** to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone!

Norman Smith, my colleague who sits for Nottingham South, brings back to me that valiant motto of my youth, for he dares to stand forth as Parliament's one and only supporter of Social Credit, the doctrine which once set Alberta alight.

Usually a quiet member, and a very agreeable fellow, Norman is apt to sizzle on Social Credit.

Then from the heights of his Douglas wisdom he looks down on the rest of us as miserable economic sinners.

However, we are not disquieted. Norman has evidently seen vision, and there is no real harm in his believing that what Alberta thought yesterday Britain will think tomorrow.

But at least let me warn him the time is not yet.

## Chinese Govt. Fixes Interest Rates On Deposits & Loans

Nanking, Aug. 27.—The Chinese Government today fixed the maximum interest rates on bank deposits and loans at 10 percent monthly between September 1-16, and five percent monthly after September 16.

The Finance Ministry was empowered to level down the interest rate after that date to below normal rates described in section 205 of the civil code.

## Possession Of Premises Sought

Seven actions for possession of premises in Halphong Road were brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., before Mr Justice Reynolds in the Summary Court this morning. Defendants, including a barber shop, are the present occupiers of the premises.

Mr P. A. L. Vine (Deacons) appeared for plaintiffs. He said the present proceedings were complementary to certain other proceedings taking place before the Tenancy Tribunal. The original Landlord and Tenant Proclamation of 1945 gave the Tribunals power to make an order for possession against persons not having bona-fide claims to possession. That power was withdrawn when the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance of 1947 came into force, but the Tribunals still retained their power in cases which were filed before the Ordinance was passed.

When the Godown Company came to make a check-up for the purposes of the proceedings before the Tribunal, they discovered the present defendants were also living in the premises, and that led to the present actions for possession.

Mr Vine asked the Court to hear the actions jointly, as the evidence of the plaintiffs in each case was similar, and it would save a great deal of the Court's time. He further asked that the defendants be requested to file statements of defence. It was perhaps unfortunate, Counsel remarked, that defendants had not seen fit or were without means to employ legal assistance, but it would assist the plaintiffs greatly if they were aware of what the defense was.

His Lordship adjourned the hearing to September 7 to allow time for the defendants to prepare their case.

## Argyle Street POWs Reunion

The first reunion dinner of Argyle Street prisoners of war was held on August 13 in the Church House Restaurant, near the Colonial Office, London, according to private information which has just reached Hong Kong.

The function was attended by about 75 ex-POWs, with General Malby presiding.

It was decided, during the evening, to make the reunion dinner an annual affair, and Captain Arthur Baker, 30 Museum Street, WC1, was elected hon. secretary. The dinner will be held every year on December 8, starting in 1949.

Amongst those who attended were Commander Blair Hickman, Lt-Cdr. Claud Miles, Commander Burton, Colonels Levitt, Penfold, Grose and Giles, Bobby Gear (formerly of Jardine's), A. B. Allen, Major Bob Templar, Capt. Cecil Taylor, Messrs Cobb, John Redmond, H. Benn, Jack Pott, Trapman, "Tiny" Wilson, Lane (Civil Secretary to the Commodore in 1941), Rossini, Cecil Gray (Flag-Lieut. to the Commodore in 1941), E. Cook (later of Kowloon Decks, who flew from the Channel Islands for the event), S/Ldr. Alf Bennett, Lieut. Hindenkoper (of the Dutch Navy, who flew from Holland to attend), Capt. Barker, Capt. Wood and T. C. Fairburn.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Commodore Collison, Lord Merthyr, Brigadier McLeod, Brigadier Potters and Colonel Simon White.

## Death Of ASP W. Ritchie

Mr William Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Police, who recently went to the United Kingdom on leave, died on August 23 at St Mildred's Road, Lee, London, S.E. 12. He was Assistant Director of the Special Branch, Police Headquarters.

Born on October 24, 1900, the late Mr. Ritchie arrived in the Colony in 1922 joining the Hongkong Police as a constable. Six years later he was promoted to Sergeant and became Sub-Inspector in 1935. In 1942 he retired on pension but was recalled to duty in August, 1945 and returned to Hongkong. In January, 1946 he was Acting Chief Inspector and reached the substantive post of Assistant Superintendent on February 1, 1947.

The late Mr. Ritchie is survived by his wife (who is in England), a son aged 17, and a daughter, Glynne, who is 11.

## Eat Nothing For Week



Three men of the Royal Marine Commando, Cliff Assault Wing, St Ives, Cornwall, who spent a week in an open 18-foot assault boat two miles off the coast at St Ives, undergoing a rigorous endurance test. The three men, who were attended daily by a Medical Officer, to obtain medical data, were Lieutenant J. W. Potts (on right), in charge of the party, Marines D. Callaghan and C. J. Rawson. In this picture the Medical Officer is making his daily visit to the three men in their boat. The test was made in the cause of medical science and the only nourishment the men had in the seven days of voluntary starvation at sea, was a few sweets and twenty-four wine glasses of de-salinated water.

## FRENCH BUDGETARY ECONOMIES

Paris, Aug. 26.—The French Premier, M. Andre Marie's, Coalition Government tonight approved a series of drastic budgetary economies, Reuter learned on good authority. A large part of the cuts fell on the military budget, it was learned. The cuts, it was understood, were the first installation of the economic measures proposed by France's new Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud.

The measures were being studied tonight at a Government Council and a Council of Ministers under M. Vincent Auriol, the President of the Republic, was due to give them final approval tomorrow. It was understood.

It is planned by these measures to give France a healthy system of food supply while maintaining the prosperity of the farmers and allaying working class fears of a further rise in the cost of living. The measures were studied at a Government Council attended by almost all Ministers, which began at 2 p.m. GMT and sat until 8 p.m. GMT. The increase in price is expected to be around 10 francs a kilogramme.

The Government has promised the farmers a better price for milk—from 20 to 25 percent more—and too must hit family budgets. The Government has also temporarily given up control of wholesale meat prices on August 2 and since then retail prices have risen sharply. Such facts have led trade union leaders to urge swift Government action to give more real purchasing power to the workers. The two main parties of Mr. Marle's Coalition Government have been seeking ways to ease the family budget.

In view of the accused's allegation, his Lordship asked the jury to return in the afternoon, and proceeded to hear Lo's evidence on how the statement came to be made.

Lo declared he was told by the Police that if he failed to lead them to his accomplices, he would be beaten, and it would be better for him to admit his part in the affair to avoid further trouble. Because of that threat, he made the statement, he said. In fact, however, he had never been anywhere near Tai Ki Leng Village on June 10.

The trial is proceeding.

## RITA AVOIDS THE NEWSPAPERMEN

Lisbon, Aug. 26.—A private plane waited all day at the Lisbon airport to take Rita Hayworth and Prince Ali Khan back to Eclairit, but the couple failed to show up. It is believed that Miss Hayworth canceled the trip until tomorrow to avoid newspapermen who learned of her scheduled departure today.

Miss Hayworth and Prince Ali Khan have been touring Iberia by car.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FILLED WITH WATER

"This is a very serious offence" said Mr. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning to the master of a motor junk, who had two instead of three fire extinguishers on board, and both had been filled with water instead of chemical.

"These things are put on board for the protection of lives and property," Mr. Cairns went on, "and defendant just puts water in them. With a gasoline engine there is always a risk of fire. I fine him \$200 or two months."

Defendant's boat had been stopped when leaving the Colony for Canton. He pleaded that the owner had instructed him to make another trip before replacing the fire extinguishers. He said that water was always put into the extinguishers before the chemical.

Also fined \$200 or two months was the master of the motor junk Cheung Tak, who had three instead of four fire extinguishers, and 28 lifebelts instead of 32. He pleaded that one appliance was broken and had been thrown away.

## CEASE FIRE IN KASHMIR

### Agreement Reached Says Report

New Delhi, Aug. 26.—Reliable but unofficial sources said tonight that the United Nations Indian-Pakistani Commission agreed to accept the Indian suggestions for a cease fire in Kashmir and holding of a plebiscite to decide to which dominion the mountain state will accede.

According to the sources, the Commission also agreed to India's demands that Pakistan troops and "intruders" be withdrawn before the cease fire is ordered. At the same time, the Commission is reported to have agreed to India's "right" to maintain Indian troops on Kashmir soil subject to the Commission's directives.

These sources said that the Commission and India also reached an agreement that Pakistan had no right to join the plebiscite administration.

While India and the Commission are reported to have reached agreement on all the proposals and conditions for a cease fire, Pakistan is still seeking elaboration and elucidation of the Commission's terms.

The Commission is visiting Karachi again on Saturday to effect an agreement with Pakistan on the issue.

### MILITARY ADVISER NEEDED

These sources said that the Commission agreed to the Indian demands because its on-the-spot investigation of the Kashmir fighting convinced it that Pakistan is participating in a "war."

Meanwhile the Commission announced that it called Mr Trygve Lie at Lake Success "stressing the need for the appointment of a military adviser of the general rank to serve alongside the Commission."

The statement reiterated the Commission's request that Mr. Lie be ready to name on short notice, 40 military observers for service in Kashmir. It also considered the despatch of "several alternate delegates for an economic survey of the state of Jammu, Kashmir."

Unofficial reports said that the plebiscite would probably be held on a regional basis—the state would be divided into five zones of Ajju, Mirpur Pooneh, Kashmir Valley, Gilgit and Ladakh.—United Press.

## WOMAN'S CLAIM FOR SALARY

A claim for \$440, being the balance of one month's salary due her in her employment as secretary to the defendant, and one month's salary in lieu of notice, was brought by Mrs. Prudence Ravenscroft Nicol, wife of Lt C. A. Nicol, RN, residing at Cherry Hill Lodge, Homantin, against Fritz Fruthall, of Room 230 Peninsula Hotel, before Mr. Justice Reynolds in the Summary Court this morning.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths (Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for Mrs. Nicol, while Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented the defendant.

Mr. Russ said that his client was away from the Colony, having left for Europe, and was unlikely to be back earlier than three weeks or a month hence. He asked for an adjournment.

Mr. Griffiths agreed to a reasonable adjournment, and the case was accordingly set for hearing at 10.30 a.m. on October 1.

## KWANTUNG SILK ENTERPRISE

Canton, Aug. 27.—Two Cantonese merchants have established a Sino-American Silk Company for the purpose of improving the output of Kwantung silk products, it is locally reported.

The capital of the Company is US\$2,000,000.

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## WITCHCRAFT MURDER

Maseru, Basutoland, Aug. 26.—An African tribal chieftainess and 12 Africans were sentenced to death here today for the witchcraft murder of an adult African on January 17.

Evidence was given that after a marriage feast the chieftainess instructed that a man be killed because she wanted medicine in order to place her son as chief.

The chieftainess, it was alleged, warned those present that anyone who disobeyed would also be killed. An African who arrived at the feast was then seized on the chieftainess' instructions. He was undressed and flesh was cut from his leg, head, breast, arm and face and the blood collected in a billy can, the prosecution alleged.

His throat was cut and his tongue taken out, the prosecution added.

The chieftainess, it was stated, then thanked the assembled guests for killing the African and warned them not to report the matter. The body of the dead man was later thrown into a ravine.

The twelve accused with the chieftainess were all men.—Reuter.

## DEMONSTRATION IN BERLIN

(Continued from Page 1)

Herr Otto Suhr, Chairman of the City Assembly, told the demonstrators "I shall never call a meeting of the Assembly under threat from a mob." He appealed to the occupation powers to create a neutral zone in Berlin, to enable Berliners to work unhampered.

Herr Neumann ended the counter-demonstration with the words: "It is of no use to take of democracy in Moscow. The Western Allies must create a situation in Berlin which will enable Berliners to work in freedom."

After dispersing, some hundreds of the demonstrators took a short cut over the Tiergarten to their homes, streaming across the vast Russian memorial erected in 1945 a few hundred feet from the Reichstag building.

Soviet Army guards at the memorial remained stiffly at attention as the men, women and children, streamed by them.—Reuter.

## AGA KHAN UNWELL

Nairobi, Aug. 26.—The Aga Khan has cancelled all further engagements in East Africa for health reasons. He arrived here on Saturday from Zanzibar where he had been suffering from a chill.

The Aga Khan will leave for Europe by air at the weekend.—Reuter.

### SHOWING TO-DAY

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IDA LUPINO  
ELEANOR PARKER

WARNER BROS.  
ESCAPE ME NEVER

QUEEN'S SUNDAY MORNING SHOW —

## CRICKET

## Gentlemen Of England Need A Miracle

Lords, London, Aug. 26.—The Gentlemen of England put up good resistance to the Australian bowling here today and were 237 for nine wickets at the close of play in reply to Australia's 610 for 5 declared.

Only a miracle can prevent them from following on tomorrow and defeat seems certain, but they have not been beaten in two days as was thought likely at one time.

Don Bradman surprisingly did not declare at the overnight score, but batted until lunch today, and Lindsay Hassett proceeded to score 200 not out. This took him five and a quarter hours, and included 18 fours.

Simpson and Edrich gave the Gentlemen an encouraging start and there were some bright entries in the rest of the Gentlemen's innings, although they were fighting a losing battle. Simpson hit a very sound 60 before being caught.

Brown and Griffith, who have so far added 23, batted doggedly to prevent the last wicket falling tonight.

A good opening stand appeared likely when Simpson and Edrich passed the 50 confidently. Lind-

## MCC Honours

### The Don

London, Aug. 26.—English cricket, represented by the Marylebone Cricket Club paid its tribute to Don Bradman, captain of the 1948 Australian team today.

In a ceremony in the Pavilion at Lords, Bradman's health was toasted in champagne and the Earl of Gowrie, President of the MCC, presented the Don with a special copy of a book by Sir Pelham Warner and a birthday cake. Bradman is 40 years old tomorrow.

The book "Lords 1787-1945" bore the inscription "Presented to Don Bradman on the occasion of his 40th birthday by the President, Committee and members of the Marylebone Cricket Club in memory of the great pleasure he has given us at Lords since 1930 to countless lovers of cricket."

Bradman after cutting the birthday cake said "to bid farewell to cricket on this great ground is for me a very sad occasion. I hope however to come to England again, though not as a player, and watch many Tests."—Associated Press.

wall did not bowl at full speed at the start, but when he did he rapped both men on the pads. The pitch was ideal for scoring and Simpson, particularly, looked at ease and scored the faster.

Two powerful off-drives by Edrich off Ring showed perfect timing, but at 55 he made no attempt to play a faster ball, which went through and took his off stump.

Palmer joined Simpson and used his feet to smother Johnson's off-breaks, but having scored only three he returned a catch to that bowler and two wickets were down for 70.

Donnelly and Simpson then carried the score to 93 by the tea interval, with Simpson 43 not out, having shown excellent form as an opening bat against the Australian attack.

Simpson was fourth man out for a well-played 60 before Brown made a splendid catch. Shortly afterwards the new ball was taken and the sheer speed of Miller and Lindwall sent Yardley and Mann back to the pavilion.

Robins and Bailey added 40 for the eighth wicket, the second best stand after the first pair and then Robins hit across the flight of an off-break and was bowled. He had earlier amused the crowd by bending almost double to avoid the bouncers of Miller and Lindwall.

It seemed that the Gentlemen would be all out and perhaps start their second innings tonight, but a stubborn last wicket stand by Brown and Griffith was unbroken.

## THE SCOREBOARD

The close of play scoreboard read: Australians, 1st, Indians, 237 for 5 declared.

**Gentlemen of England**

Simpson	c Brown, b Johnson	60
Edrich	b Ring	27
Palmer	c and b Johnson	3
Donnelly	bw, b Johnson	15
Yardley	b Miller	25
Mann	bw, b Lindwall	11
Robins	b Johnson	30
Wooler	c Johnson, b Hamence	11
Bailey	c Hamence, b Ring	20
Brown	not out	20
Griffith	not out	13
Extras		13
		237

for 9

**Bowling to date**

O	M	R	W
Miller	7	3	18
Lindwall	13	3	39
Johnson	23	7	60
Hamence	8	2	23
Ring	25	7	60

237

for 9

# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"That's his day's work—he'll fuss around the yard furiously for 15 minutes, then decide he'll knock off and go play golf!"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Double Holds Good With Hand Change

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

No readers, you are not seeing double when you look at today's hand. There are two kings of spades and two kings of hearts, and other duplications. This is a situation that happens once in a while in tournament bridge. This one came up in Cincinnati. One of the Midwest regional championships tournament.

Frank Welsbach, of Cincinnati, who with Allen Harvey of Louisville, Ky., won the world championship masters pair event last summer, was the victim of the situation. In duplicate bridge the hands are dealt out on the first round and placed in duplicate boards. What happened here was that the North, West and South players took their cards from board No. 1, while Welsbach in the East took his by mistake from board No. 2.

When the dummy went down, Welsbach saw that South had the Jack of hearts, the ten of diamonds

## DUMB-BELLS

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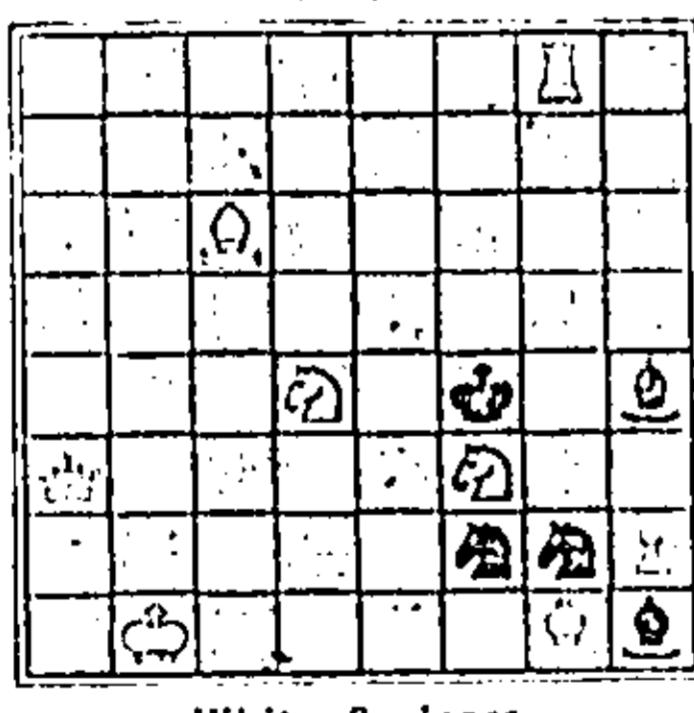


## Check Your Knowledge

- When was the mutta percha golf ball introduced?
- What part of Africa is the home of the true native Africans, the negroes?
- What city is sometimes called the "Paris of the Balkans"?
- Name the king of England who came from the Netherlands.
- Name the two states in the United States that are peninsulas.
- What city has been noted as the world's centre for diamond cutting?

## CHESS PROBLEM

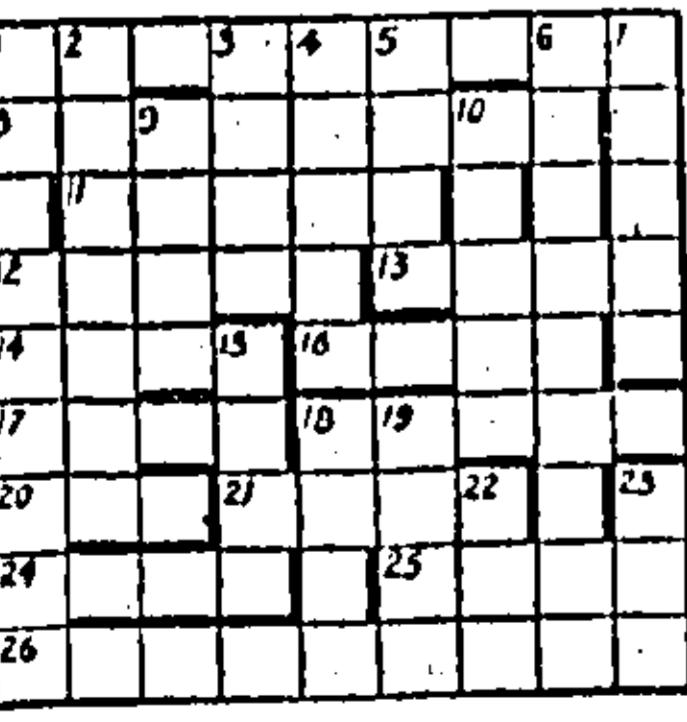
By P. H. BARRON  
Black, 5 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-Kt1; 1... BxN; 2. R-R2  
(R-Kt1); 1... P-B7; 2. RxR.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
1. Structure. (10)  
2. Cut up. (8)  
11. Fire-escape necessities. (10)  
12. A ruffed plait. (5)  
13. A country in Yorkshire. (4)  
14. A height can make this flat. (5)  
15. She's small chance. (4)  
16. I've quite novel if it is. (8)  
21. Universal cleaner. (6)

## EXCLUSIVE 'TELE GRAPH' FEATURE YOUR BIRTHDAY ..... By STELLA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

BORN today, you are one of the industrious workers of the world. Given a task to do, you will plough through it with energy and dispatch—and then look up for more. You have an excellent memory and a tremendous fund of energy upon which you can call at very short notice. Just make sure you don't count too heavily on times upon this gift and wait until the last moment to start a job.

You men and women may differ quite widely in the expression of basic characteristics, you women putting so much energy into a social event as a man would in some gigantic business enterprise. This tendency in the fair sex can be overdone, for it seems a pity to waste a good alert brain on social flippancies when it might be used for something much more significant. At least, combine your efforts with some charitable or benevolent campaign.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Intuitive hunches can be of great value today in deciding what to do. Follow them and you'll be better off.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Design and decoration are well favoured. Buying and selling in real estate appear native also.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Another opportunity day. Examine all that is offered carefully, and don't overlook something really good.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Romance is very good and this can be an outstanding week-end for your activities. If you work things right.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Exterior influences may not appear beneficial as recently, but if you proceed cautiously, you are to be successful.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Average affairs proceed normally—but if presented with a very important decision, take your time with it.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—Everything having to do with land, building and real estate and the like appears to be especially active.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 22)—Some improvement over yesterday is indicated, but your best judgment suggests continued postponement of a decision.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Inspiration is running high today. A new idea if your profession is writing should prove to be a good one.

## SCIENCE AT WORK:

## COAL PROCESSING PLANT IMPORTANT TO FRANCE

By GEORGE DYSLIN

AN experimental coal processing plant now being built in Chien-ko may help to solve the metallurgical coke problem of France.

The pilot-plant, subsidised by the state of Illinois, is designed to process one ton of soft coal per hour. From the coal, engineers expect to get combustible gases, powdered fuel, liquid fuel for diesel engines and char. Upon the expected success of the pilot plant, plants able to handle hundreds of tons per hour probably will be built.

The diesel fuel and the char are of especial significance to France, whose position as a great power has been jeopardised by lack of coking coal and petroleum. Tests have shown that one part char, obtained from this process, when added to four parts high-volatile coal, produces a coke which passes all standard tests for high grade coke.

"Under this fluid system nothing is thrown away but the ash," he said. "The plant is of assembly-line design. At the end of the line will be drawn off gas for heating, diesel fuel, powdered fuel for industrial heating and char, burnable in power plants or for mixing to get metallurgical coke."

"All our tests have given reason for thinking commercial production of good coke from high volatile coals is now at hand and at practical prices," he said.

Many political observers have said that France would fall in more easily with Allied plans for the Ruhr, if a supply of coke for processing the ore of Lorraine could be guaranteed to her. The fluid devolatilisation system may give France that sought-for guarantee.—United Press.

It is said that the leading singers were rehearsed for five hours on end, with no interval.

(News Item.)

W<sup>H</sup>AT we of Bayreuth used to call

working one's singers to the bone—the "g" being pronounced hard as in giggle, otherwise the joke might be missed.

**The aesthetics of egg-dust**

CARRY me out in a little basket!

Stuff me with eels! The Stationery Office has published a report of the Medical Research Council, which—contains—a warning of the horrors to be expected if ever we return to what they call "pre-war dietary."—"This does not mean that the aesthetic qualities of our present diet and, in some directions, its quantity, could not be greatly improved and still remain compatible with better health and physique."

Which, translated, means that more

and better food wouldn't necessarily kill you. I leave others to discuss the aesthetic qualities of Vienna schnock-steak, merely remarking that you will have to accustom yourself slowly to the absence of processed fluff from sausages—you dreadful aesthetes!

British Government securities were quite heavily bought. War Loan repeatedly touched 103 3/4, but closed with a net gain of 5/8 at 103 11/16ths.

Leading industrial issues improved

from sixpence to 1/6 with tobacco,

chain stores and radio manufacturing concerns showing consistency as groups.

Oils were wanted and closed very firm, with Royal Dutch up 3/4th at

24 1/2 Sterling. Anglo-Iranian was up nearly two shillings at 105 7/12, while Canadian Eagle gained 4 1/2 pence at 32 4/5.—United Press.

London Stocks Show Gains

London, Aug. 26.—The London Stock Exchange, full of optimism, today had the most buoyant day in a long time. There was an encouraging increase in volume as investors and speculators declared that "the worst is over," and almost every section showed moderate price gains.

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## Intellectuals Hear Soviet Tirade Against U.S.

### PREPARING BARBARIC WAR

Warsaw, Aug. 26.—Russian delegate Ilyen Ehrenburg told the World Congress of Intellectuals today that the Americans are preparing for a "barbaric war."

The Congress was called to map world peace. The second consecutive day heard attacks against the United States and her culture. Spearheaded by Ehrenburg these were supported by sympathizers from France, Italy and Brazil.

Ehrenburg labelled Americans as representing everything from bourgeois barbarism to savages. His voice raised almost to a shout Ehrenburg went on assailing the United States despite the warning that such talk hindered peace.

### Korean Army To Be Increased

#### More U.S. Advisers

Seoul, Aug. 26.—Reliable sources said today that the size of the Korean Constabulary, now estimated at about 50,000 men, will be increased, and said the American advisers to the Constabulary will remain after the occupation troops have left.

The sources said more American advisers are being recruited and it is reported they are promised they can bring their families over within three months.

As the Korean Constabulary forces—really the Korean army—are being increased, they are getting equipment in the form of field artillery as well as men. A Korean Constabulary officers' candidate school has been started and is graduating officers every three months.

**RESERVE FORCE**

A reserve force equal to the regular force of 50,000 is being recruited to train at periodic times when the regular force will turn over equipment to them and act as trainers.

"At the send-off meeting for Lt.-Gen John Hodge, who is leaving on August 27, Dr Symanth Rhee, President of the newly formed Republic of Korea, Mrs Pak Yun-suk, who is General-Secretary of the Women's Democratic Party, and Dr P. O. Chough, who is special envoy to foreign countries, praised Gen Hodge's administration.

Dr Chough, calling Gen Hodge a "Scout-leader-statesman," said the general will leave a deep impression on the people of Korea.

Mr John J. Muccio, United States Ambassador to Korea, also spoke, expressing the hope that "we will see as much progress in the next three years as we have seen in the past three years."

Mr Lee Bum-suk, Prime Minister, and several others presented the departing general with souvenirs.

### SOVIET FOOD PRICES DOWN

London, Aug. 26.—Radio Moscow claimed tonight that food prices have shown a sharp drop in the Soviet Union in contrast to the trend in America and other countries.

The broadcast said that milk dropped 25 percent since July on the collective farm market. Potatoes are selling for half of the July price and cabbage has fallen off by 25 percent. The price of meat, according to the broadcast, is 30 to 40 percent less.

During the past six months 198 new markets were reported to have been established in Russian federation towns and are equipped with refrigerators and test stations.

The broadcast said that in America, meanwhile, prices of meat trebled during the past two years.—United Press.

### Russian Trawlers Off Malta

London, August 26.—The Admiralty revealed today that five unarmed Russian trawlers have been observed around Malta.

The Admiralty said that the trawlers have been in the vicinity of Malta "for quite a while."

The trawlers, the Admiralty said, have been "scooting around" doing nothing, in particular.—United Press.

### Italy's Reservation

Rome, Aug. 26.—The Italian Government has informed the Secretariat of the Danube Conference in Belgrade that Italy reserves all her rights as a signatory to the Danube Convention of 1921.

This follows the action of the Eastern Bloc majority at the recent Danube Conference in accepting the Soviet draft of a new Convention, excluding states through which the river does not flow from the future Danube Commission.

The Western powers refused to recognize the new Convention.—Reuter.

### Helicopter's Speed Record



### Bao Dai's Promise

#### Will Back Aspirations Of Vietnam People

Paris, Aug. 26.—The ex-Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, has sent a telegram to General Nguyen Van Xuan, head of the Provisional Central Vietnam Government in Indo-China, in which he promises to support the aspirations of the Vietnam people of the forthcoming Franco-Vietnam talks, it was announced today.

He declared that Americans, denouncing their real intentions toward Europe, "know how to use make but."

"But a mask can be torn from the face of those who are preparing for a barbaric war," he added, "and talking about the defence of western culture."

#### SNEERS AT CULTURE

Ehrenburg said that American culture was being defended with the aid of friends in France with the Nazis, with Neo-Fascists in Italy who tried to kill Togliatti, with Greeks, with "lynchings" from Mississippi and with evolution savages from Tennessee."

#### EQUALITY OF RIGHTS

The telegram added: "I consider that only a free and loyal association with a perfect equality of rights and duties between Vietnam and France can in the present international situation, revivify Franco-Vietnam friendship and bring back order, peace and prosperity to Indo-China."

Bao Dai concluded: "I give you again the assurance of my entire support for the realisation of the legitimate aspirations of the Vietnam people in the approaching Franco-Vietnam conversation."

Ehrenburg said that western culture was simply borrowed culture. He pictured the Soviet Union as the criterion for world culture. He attacked "aggressive obscurists who today base America," and he assured what he called the purge of Hollywood writers. He described the House Committee on un-American activities as "of the Goebbels variety."

Ehrenburg admitted that there were some good people in America. But these he said had no chance under men who rule America and under "the savagery of southern plantations."

He attacked the U.S. for sending to Europe "gangster films and waste paper, basket-weed and opium to fill Europe to sleep in order to tie it up." Ehrenburg declared "Americans want to destroy the individual features of all countries under their heel. They want to re-educate Paris, London and Rome." The much talked of United States of Europe is nothing but a trade union of flunkies."—Associated Press.

### SHIP ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE

London, Aug. 26.—The 3,868-ton Norwegian motor vessel Estrella of Bergen today appealed for the assistance of a tug after she had been grounded near Gibraltar, according to a Lloyd's shipping message received here.

The Estrella was on a voyage from Philadelphia to Tunis. A later message said the vessel was refloated by her own power and was proceeding to Oran.—Reuter.

### Monks To Harvest Palestine No-Man's-Land

Haifa, Aug. 26.—Five Trappist monks, wearing white aprons to clearly distinguish them and the inhabitants of an Arab village, are to be allowed to harvest their crops in the no-man's-land between the Arabs and Jews in Palestine.

The suggestion, made by the United Nations truce observers, has been agreed on by both Arabs and Jews. The monks are allowed to work in their vegetable gardens and harvest their olive crop and the Arabs from Deir Ayub, also in the disputed zone, will work up to a line still to be determined by the Israeli authorities.

While reports of increasing hostilities in Jerusalem were coming into Haifa today from the United Nations observers in the Holy City, the Central Truce Supervision Board met here to discuss the general situation

in Jerusalem and the Latrun pump explosion incident.

The Latrun pumping station, which supplies Jerusalem with its water, was blown up earlier this month allegedly by Arabs soon after the United Nations truce officials had taken it over to protect the water supply.

Food convoys have been getting through to Jerusalem without incident during the past few days, it was reported here today.

Thirty-two American officer observers of the United Nations Truce Commission arrived here today.—Associated Press.

### JAPAN'S LEVEL OF INDUSTRY PROBLEM

Washington, Aug. 26.—A usually reliable diplomatic source said today that at the next meeting of the Far Eastern Commission in September, FEC members probably will try to find out just what the situation is as regards fixing a level of industry for Japan.

The source said that for about six months, the United States State Department has not been able to suggest to the FEC to what level it thinks Japan should be allowed to restore its industry. He said the reason for this may be the difference between that Department and the United States Army, which the source opined exist, on the likely line to be proposed for Japanese iron and steel and shipbuilding industries which some countries might consider above the "security level." The source said that obviously

the United States Army, which is responsible for the administration of Japan, wants to get back as soon as possible some of its heavy defense expenditures there. He said the Far Eastern Commission has no evidence that the United States Army is pressing for a policy of bypassing the Commission in the future administration of Japan as recommended in some places.

The source said, however, there is some indication that, if the Army desired, it could do that. Two reports bring this out.

1. The Clifford Strike report composed by a group of civil engineers under contract to the Army who visited Japan and recommended the changing of certain decisions made by the Far Eastern Commission.

2. There is also the recent Johnston Committee of which the European Cooperation Administration, Mr Paul Hoffman, was a member, whose recommendations, if put into effect, would result in the bypassing of certain FEC decisions.

**AUSTRALIAN POLICY**

The source said that obviously the United States Army would be more willing to bypass the FEC than the State Department because the latter's job is international cooperation.

He said the Australian policy in this connection has not varied and Australia will continue to insist that decisions in regard to Japan must continue to be an Allied responsibility.

Army sources said, meanwhile, that the FEC issued a statement of policy on Japanese industry levels under the date of January 23, 1947. The statement said Japan's peaceful needs would be determined so the 1950 standard of living of the Japanese should be the same as in the period of 1930-34.

The sources added, however, that the statement specifically said it should not be interpreted as setting the level of any particular industry at the 1930-34 level. They said although various groups made studies and made highly urgent recommendations as to the levels of Japanese industries, the Army as yet has not made any recommendations as to policy.—United Press.

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